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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Expressing support for the designation of the week of May 2, 2022, through May 5, 2022, as “National Small Business Week” to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of May 2, 2022, through May 5, 2022, as “National Small Business Week” to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.

Whereas a “National Small Business Week” has been declared by every President since 1963;

Whereas there are around 32,000,000 small businesses in the United States that support nearly 61,000,000 jobs;

Whereas every congressional district in the United States contains a small business;

Whereas thousands of small business establishments still face significant challenges recovering from the COVID–19 pandemic;

Whereas small businesses have played an integral role in rebuilding the economy of the Nation;

Whereas Congress established the Small Business Administration in 1953 to aid, counsel, assist, and protect interests of small business to ensure that a fair proportion of total purchases, contracts, and subcontracts for property and services for the Federal Government are placed with small businesses, to make certain access to critical capital is made available to such small businesses, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy;

Whereas the Small Business Administration has helped small businesses with access to critical lending opportunities, played a key role in ensuring full and open competition for government contracts, and improved the economic environment in which small businesses compete; and

Whereas May 2, 2022, through May 5, 2022, would be an appropriate week to celebrate “National Small Business Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors and celebrates the entrepreneurial
3 spirit and contributions of small businesses in every
4 community in the United States;

5 (2) applauds the efforts and achievements the
6 owners of small businesses and their employees have
7 played during the pandemic in every community of
8 the United States;

1 (3) recognizes that in the face of significant
2 challenges, the owners of small businesses have dem-
3 onstrated incredible resilience for more than 2 years;

4 (4) understands that the Small Business Ad-
5 ministration can help small business recover and
6 build back from the global pandemic;

7 (5) supports the designation of “National Small
8 Business Week”; and

9 (6) supports efforts to—

10 (A) encourage consumers to utilize small
11 businesses;

12 (B) increase awareness of the value of
13 small businesses and the impact they have on
14 rebuilding the economy of the United States;

15 (C) hold Federal agencies accountable for
16 meeting procurement goals for small businesses,
17 including the goals for small businesses owned
18 and controlled by service-disabled veterans,
19 small businesses owned and controlled by
20 women, HUBZone small businesses, and so-
21 cially and economically disadvantaged small
22 businesses;

23 (D) ensure guaranteed loans and
24 microloans for startup and growing small busi-

1 nesses are made available to all qualified small
2 businesses;

3 (E) provide small businesses the technical
4 assistance and counseling that they desperately
5 need;

6 (F) facilitate access to affordable
7 broadband service to foster rural small business
8 growth; and

9 (G) foster systems of intellectual property
10 protection for small business innovation.